

REMARKS

The examiner's notification of prospective allowance of claims 16 and 21, if rewritten in independent form to incorporate the elements of all claims from which they depend is noted with appreciation.

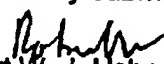
Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claims 13 and 16 and, claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claims 18, 19 and 21

In consequence, Claims 13, 16, 18, 19 and 21 have been cancelled. Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to depend from claim 1, and claims 20 and 22 amended to depend from claim 17.

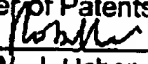
It is believed that the application is now in order for allowance and favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicant requests a one month extension of the time permitted for responding to the office action and authorizes deduction of the small entity fee of \$65 from deposit account 21-0760 of the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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